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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

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MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURE SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about July 1, 1954, they held 1,711.5 million bushels of wheat for export or carryover, about 48 per cent greater than the 1,158.5 million available a year ago. Supplies in millions of bushels, including on-farm stocks (with last years' figures in brackets) were: United States, 902.9 (562.5); Canada 589.3 (413.3); Australia, 126.6 (71.2); and Argentina 92.7 (111.5).

Exports of wheat and flour from the four major exporting countries from August, 1953 to June, 1954 totalled 583.5 million bushels, down 23.5 per cent from last seasons' shipments of 762.4 million for the same period.

The initial prices to be paid western producers by the Canadian Wheat Board on basic grades of wheat, oats and barley for the crop year commencing August 1, 1954 are as follows: wheat, No. 1 Northern (basis Fort William - Fort Arthur and Vancouver) $1.40 per bushel; No. 2 CW oats and 3 CW 6 - row barley (basis Fort William - Fort Arthur) 65 cents and 96 cents per bushel respectively.

NOTE: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates that stocks of the five major Canadian grains reached a record 876.8 million bushels as at July 31st, 1954. Stocks of each grain in millions of bushels with last years' and 1944 - 1953 averages in brackets were: wheat, 587.5 (369.2, 184.2); oats, 123.8 (144.4, 85.5); barley, 144.3 (111.7, 46.0); rye, 18.8 (16.2, 5.6); and flax seed, 2.5 (3.9, 3.5)

On farm stocks of grain in Alberta at July 31, 1954 (with 1953 stocks and the average for 1950 to 1952 inclusive in brackets) in millions of bushels were: wheat, 55.0 (23.0, 6.0); oats, 35.0 (25.0, 14.3); barley, 39.0 (9.0, 12.3); rye, 4.5 (1.0, 0.5); and flax seed, 0.1 (0.2, 0.034).

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of livestock, January 1 to August 21, 1954 (with comparable 1953 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 33,337 (15,257); feeder cattle, 6,940 (898); dairy cattle, 20,972 (26,569); calves, 3,589 (3,042); hogs, 10,473 (14,666); and sheep, 633 (944).

Dressed meat exports in pounds were: beef, 15,876,065 (17,608,820); pork, 31,380,099, (38,322,377); mutton and lamb, 67,785 (36,376).

As compared to last year, there is a considerable movement of cattle back to Alberta farms for further feeding and, as forecast, total hog marketings are increasing.

In the month of July, 1954, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 4,161,496 lb. compared to 4,114,742 lb. in July, 1953.

POULTRY

The number of eggs graded at registered stations in Alberta for the week ending August 21 were 9.0 per cent below gradings for the same week last year. Gradings since January 1 are 2.8 per cent down. In the last 12 weeks (May 29 to August 21) eggs placed in incubators in registered hatcheries totalled 170,000 compared to 115,000 last year. Total for the season 1954 are 12,072,000 compared to 10,518,000 in 1953.

CONDITION OF CROPS

Cold, wet weather in August delayed the advancement of crops. In the south, east central areas and the western and northern portion of the Peace River, harvesting will soon be general provided the weather continues fair. In western and north central areas, however, conditions are generally very backward. The oat and late barley crops especially require an extended frost-free period to mature.

GRAIN MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

FARMERS' MARKETINGS INCLUDING PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS AND ESTIMATED INCOME RECEIVED

CROP YEAR - August 1, 1952 to July 31, 1953
August 1, 1953 to July 31, 1954

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54
					- Thousands of bushels -					
Marketings:										
Month of July	20,524	9,445	7,187	3,003	8,226	4,346	496	613	84	38
Season, August - July	137,779	110,517	37,317	29,090	59,579	34,277	4,575	3,322	1,816	1,795
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Farm Returns:										
Initial Payment	$ 1.10	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.76	0.73	1.33[x]	0.81[x]	3.10[x]	2.33[x]
Interim Payments:										
February 18, 1953	$ 0.20									
March 2, 1953	$				0.15					
Total per bushel to July 31	$ 1.30	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.91	0.73	1.33[x]	0.81[x]	3.10[x]	2.33[x]
					- thousands of dollars					
Total Farm Returns to July 31	$179,113	125,989	18,285	14,254	54,217	25,022	6,085	2,691	5,630	4,182

Total cash returns for grain delivered between August 1, 1953 & July 31, 1954, are estimated to be $172,138,000 compared with $263,330,000 received for the same period in 1952. Subsequent to July 31, 1953, final payments on wheat, oats and barley delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board between August 1, 1952 and July 31, 1953 have been made, making the total average estimated prices per bushel received by farmers as follows: wheat, $1.53; oats, $0.59; and barley, $1.03. Total estimated returns received for all grains delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board and the Trade in 1952 - 53 were as follows: wheat, $210,802,000; oats, $22,017,000; barley, $61,366,000; rye $6,085,000; flax seed, $5,630,000; grand total, $305,900,000.

[x] Estimated prices paid on the open market.

LIVE STOCK PRICES - ALBERTA

JULY, 1954, and Seven Months Ending JULY, 1954, Compared to Corresponding Periods, 1953

-- dollars per hundred pounds --

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD VEAL		GOOD LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without bonus)	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
Month of July:								
Calgary	18.49	20.19	20.26	20.18	23.90	22.07	30.68	28.26
Edmonton	17.23	19.03	21.14	19.19	23.00	22.18	30.80	29.05
Lethbridge	18.22	19.20	21.55	-	23.33	22.86	30.37	27.99
January - July:								
Calgary	19.46	17.92	24.20	22.13	23.46	20.63	27.30	32.32
Edmonton	18.85	17.24	26.08	22.36	22.20	21.39	27.23	33.03
Lethbridge	18.74	17.69	22.65	20.78	19.10	20.54	27.01	32.10

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog-Barley Ratio[x]

1933 - 53	1953	June 1953	June 1954	July 1954
13.2	22.2	22.5	29.6	21.8

Live Stock Price Relationships[x]

	1933-53	1953	June 1953	June 1954	July 1954
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	84.7	73.5	73.8	85.4
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	92.8	94.6	86.3	99.5
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	77.8	85.4	85.8

[x] Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lbs. of Grade B_1 live hog at Edmonton prices plus federal premium.

[x] Prices of 100 lbs. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lbs. B_1 live hogs, (federal premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

JULY, AND SEVEN MONTHS ENDING J U L Y 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
				- number of head -				
Receipts at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants								
Month of July	40,973	42,426	6,611	7,840	4,147	3,896	85,278	89,057
January - July	247,150	299,362	41,321	49,261	54,643	64,722	854,233	811,679
Shipments to Country Points from Yards and Plants								
Month of July	3,166	4,796	201	428	237	196	-	-
January - July	24,976	32,091	4,027	3,495	1,665	1,408	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants								
Month of July	37,807	37,630	6,410	7,412	3,910	3,700	85,278	89,057
January - July	222,174	267,271	37,294	45,766	52,978	63,314	854,233	811,679
Slaughterings in Uninspected Establishments								
Month of July	x	2,092	x	518	x	101	x	1,643
January - July	x	18,496	x	4,884	x	1,025	x	15,993
Total Net Live Stock Marketings								
Month of July	39,899	39,722	6,928	7,930	4,011	3,801	86,921	90,700
January - July	240,670	285,767	42,178	50,650	54,003	64,339	870,226	827,672
Estimated Value of Livestock Marketed								
Month of July	$ 6,782,830	5,799,412	346,400	348,920	80,220	87,423	4,259,129	4,172,200
January - July	$ 40,227,484	40,569,857	2,480,217	2,554,371	1,094,070	1,283,879	37,677,067	44,063,930

x Uninspected slaughterings for 1953 are not available. In calculating total net marketings and values, it is assumed that slaughterings in uninspected plants for 1953 equalled slaughterings reported in 1954.

Estimated total net income from live stock sales in 1954 (with 1953 figures in brackets) were: July $10,407,955 ($11,468,579) and for January to July inclusive $88,472,037 ($81,478,838)

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FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

1953 - 1954

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	JUNE		JANUARY-JUNE		JUNE		JANUARY-JUNE	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	3,591	3,352	11,400	11,433	2,004	1,907	6,538	6,645
Dairy Butter	7	7	46	35	4	4	26	20
Milk for Cheese Making	4,752	3,432	14,641	15,411	101	74	331	353
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream, and Fluid Cream x/	15,280	14,821	69,927	65,439	410	393	1,945	1,822
Milk for Fluid Sales	16,220	17,177	96,561	102,238	730	775	4,370	4,627
TOTAL VALUE ----------------- $					3,249	3,153	13,210	13,467

x/ Ice Cream and Fluid Cream Converted to Milk Basis.

	JULY		JANUARY-JULY		JULY		JANUARY-JULY	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousand dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,064	1,031	11,202	10,896	$ 430,317	313,067	4,025,585	3,230,323
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketings through Registered Stations	392,374	385,109	1,616,000	1,802,000	$ 144,145	92,426	577,358	469,917
TOTAL VALUE EGGS and POULTRY					$ 574,462	405,493	4,602,943	3,700,240

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING J U L Y 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - July)	1954 (Jan. - July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (July)	1954 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Flour Mills (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$	18,181,856	15,829,778	- 12.94	3,219,921	1,885,588	- 41.44
	- Production	Barrels	2,114,735	1,632,953	- 22.78	332,914	214,977	- 35.43
		Value $	20,226,344	15,638,138	- 22.68	3,301,692	1,967,997	- 40.39
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	18,279,702	18,280,136	-	4,378,511	4,340,681	- 0.86
		Value $	10,603,337	10,489,776	- 1.07	2,506,698	2,441,633	- 2.60
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	1,721,221	1,712,709	- 0.49	390,584	313,661	- 19.69
		Value $	564,467	576,885	2.20	124,987	106,645	- 14.68
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$	17,024,185	17,972,061	5.57	2,835,333	2,941,203	3.73
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$	63,873,742	72,124,661	12,92	10,545,512	10,504,751	- 0.39
	- Production - Meat	Lbs.	163,138,608	175,119,478	7.34	20,115,173	22,381,113	11.26
		Value $	48,386,782	54,540,093	12.72	6,354,279	6,466,046	1.76
	- Exports - Meat	Lbs.	82,491,762	85,286,318	3.39	12,136,273	13,802,987	13.73
		Value $	24,611,726	26,477,688	7.58	3,833,849	3,987,683	4.01

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan.-July)	1954 (Jan.-July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (July)	1954 (July)	1 Month inc. or (-) Dec.
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	3,004,840	2,596,375	- 13.59	387,259	191,440	- 50.57
		Value $	15,965,615	13,712,360	- 14.11	2,189,423	1,017,662	- 53.52
Salt	Production	Tons	13,795	15,664	13.55	2,353	2,095	- 10.96
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$	61,860,116	68,248,961	10.33	10,365,580	11,378,763	9.77
Propane	Production	Gallons	8,243,250	9,191,362	11.50	1,273,648	1,508,881	18.47
	Sales	Gallons	8,191,301	9,657,318	17.90	1,275,344	1,374,602	7.78
Butane	Production	Gallons	3,664,483	4,085,937	11.50	672,602	790,753	17.57
	Sales	Gallons	1,050,099	3,505,515	233.83	153,477	478,603	211.84
Sulphur	Production	Tons	10,387	11,345	9.22	1,404	828	- 41.03
	Sales	Tons	6,123	9,728	58.88	945	1,207	27.72
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$	1,412,081	1,614,489	14.33	165,942	185,745	11.93
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$	7,794,664	7,615,413	- 2.30	1,346,122	1,494,156	11.00
Cement	Production	Barrels	1,860,496	1,755,037	- 5.67	267,510	261,900	- 2.10
		Value $	4,755,424	4,454,145	- 6.34	687.501	678.321	- 1.34
Lime	Gross Sales	$	305,277	362,787	18.84	56,880	59,761	5.07
	Production	Tons	10,610	12,400	16.87	1,684	1,982	17.70
		Value $	162,935	177,433	8.90	26,828	28,189	5.07

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

		1953 (Jan.-June)	1954 (Jan.-June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (June)	1954 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Petroleum	(1) Production Barrels	31,721,833	39,020,940	23.01	6,499,655	7,279,540	12.00
	Value of Sales $.	74,798,220	102,047,546	36.43	15,405,450	19,137,730	24.23
Natural Gas	(1) Production M .C.F.	55,987,342	70,199,440	25.38	7,384,109	9,196,352	24.54
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports Gallons	31,771,054	31,108,088	-2.09	5,595,825	5,239,517	-6.37
	Exports Gallons	789,904,629	1,225,478,556	55.14	191,375,327	244,965,555	28.00
Petroleum Products Refined:							
	(2) Production Gallons	329,867,796	337,329,079	2.26	66,225,132	58,905,129	-11.05
	Imports Gallons	7,331,579	5,593,751	-23.70	1,223,059	1,041,591	-14.84
	Exports Gallons	72,981,026	75,576,216	3.56	13,527,301	15,553,050	14,98
Natural Gasoline	(1) Production Barrels	299,831	331,362	10,52	44,472	49,156	10.53
	Value of Sales $.	859,247	979,125	13.95	136,507	153,554	12,49

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, June, 1954, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

		1 9 5 3 (Jan.-July)	1 9 5 4 (Jan.-July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1 9 5 3 (July)	1 9 5 4 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Forestry(Crown Lands) - Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	309,836,000	285,095,000	- 7.99	8,954,000	8,680,000	- 3.06
	Value $.	12,393,400	11,403,800	- 7.99	358,200	347,200	- 3.07
Total Value of Lumber & other Forestry Products	$.	15,129,000	14,140,000	- 6.54	430,000	419,000	- 2.56
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped	No. of Pelts	1,352,072	959,135	-29.06	37,964	22,909	-39.66
	Value $.	1,325,740	919,534	-30.64	68,599	57,495	-16.19
Fisheries Production 3 Mos. (Jan.-March)	Lbs.	2,251,154	2,272,788	.96	-	-	-
	Value $.	272,196	392,266	44.11	-	-	-
Wholesale Trade - Gross Sales	$.	313,281,048	294,949,484	- 5.85	40,907,188	37,246,692	- 8.95
Machinery, Agricultural - Gross Sales	$.	43,823,646	29,993,208	-31.56	7,653,740	4,589,843	-40.03
Machinery, Other - Gross Sales	$.	12,857,172	10,139,646	-21.14	1,449,501	1,131,089	-21.97
Bank Clearings	$.	2,256,103,492	2,388,475,847	5.87	355,806,634	420,777,570	18.26

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

		1 9 5 3 (Jan.-June)	1 9 5 4 (Jan.-June	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1 9 5 3 (June)	1 9 5 4 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Department Store Sales (1)	$.	45,475,000	45,536,000	.13	7,716,000	7,546,000	- 2.20
Retail Trade - Gross Sales (2)	$.	460,929,000	432,331,000	- 6.20	84,519,000	78,805,000	- 6.76
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (3)	No.	25,728	18,361	-28.63	4,377	3,149	-28.06
	Value $.	64,470,000	47,211,000	-26.77	10,977,000	8,239,000	-24.94
Bank Debits (4)	$.	4,310,160,000	4,497,621,000	4.35	798,112,000	849,556,000	6,45
Customs' Duty Receipts	$.	8,971,682	7,103,596	-20.82	1,644,154	1,436,091	-12.65
Electric Power - Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	636,528,000	734,138,000	15.33	101,522,000	114,330,000	12.62

(1) Source: Department Store Sales and Stocks. Vol. X1X, No. 6, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXV1, No.6, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXV1, No. 6, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 6, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 6, 1954, Dominion Bureau of statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERTOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954 AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

BUILDING PERMITS:		1953 (Jan.-July)	1954 (Jan.-July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (July)	1954 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	2,888	2,043	-29.26	429	366	-14.69
	Value $	26,943,079	24,457,767	- 9.22	6,007,963	3,397,858	-43.44
EDMONTON	Number	4,169	4,377	4.99	808	797	- 1.36
	Value $	34,869,057	40,836,386	17.11	7,180,326	8,591,032	19.65
LETHBRIDGE	Number	403	492	22.08	55	87	58.18
	Value $	5,548,816	4,945,632	-10.87	364,950	672,570	84.29
MEDICINE HAT	Number	285	275	- 3.51	41	50	21.95
	Value $	1,916,450	1,446,199	-24.54	193,350	267,500	38.35
RED DEER	Number	209	189	- 9.57	34	43	26.47
	Value $	2,070,400	1,594,700	-22.98	255,200	325,650	27.61
DRUMHELLER	Number	40	39	- 2.50	8	3	-62.50
	Value $	81,950	284,743	247.46	4,800	740	-84.58
WETASKIWIN	Number	88	80	- 9.09	16	17	6.25
	Value $	1,100,190	427,685	-61.13	459,850	190,700	-58.53
TOTAL (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	8,082	7,495	- 7.26	1,391	1,363	- 2.01
	VALUE $	72,529,942	73,993,112	2.02	14,466,439	13,446,050	- 7.05

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1953 (Jan.-July)	1954 (Jan.-July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (July)	1954 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
RESIDENTIAL	Number	3,855	2,602	-32.50	745	491	-34.09
	Value $	53,360,900	27,803,600	-47.90	8,849,900	4,891,600	-44.73
BUSINESS	Number	502	385	-23.31	92	83	- 9.78
	Value $	33,607,600	38,383,300	14.21	6,111,400	10,220,900	67.24
INDUSTRIAL	Number	65	49	-24.62	15	8	-46.67
	Value $	4,497,400	22,199,500	393.61	813,800	950,400	16.79
ENGINEERING	Number	261	145	-44.44	29	21	-27.59
	Value $	53,625,800	37,686,200	-29.72	5,030,300	4,273,200	-15.05
TOTAL	NUMBER	4,683	3,181	-32.07	881	603	-31.56
	VALUE $	145,091,700	126,072,600	-13.11	20,805,400	20,336,100	- 2.26

(1) Source: Building Reporter, July, 1954, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31,1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	1953 (Jan.-August	1954 (Jan.-August)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (August)	1954 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Banff	512,884	495,655	- 3.36	138,543	133,887	- 3.36
Elk Island	152,084	139,510	- 8.27	26,853	39,737	47.98
Jasper	111,357	103,001	- 7.50	44,258	45,016	1.71
Waterton Lakes	175,993	188,675	7.21	64,299	59,972	- 6.73
TOTAL	952,318	926,841	- 2.68	273,953	278,612	1.70

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan.-July)	1954 (Jan.-July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (July)	1954 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Aden	149	204	36.91	41	61	48.78
Carway	8,736	9,250	5.88	5,708	6,040	5.82
Chief Mountain	6,074	6,008	- 1.09	4,728	4,670	- 1.23
Coutts	22,560	23,234	2.99	7,629	6,089	-20.19
Del Bonita	730	747	2.33	164	149	- 9.15
Wild Horse	332	396	19.28	132	178	34.85
TOTAL	38,581	39,839	3.26	18,402	17,187	- 6.60

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(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

JUNE - 1954

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,384,550	1,406,405		1,595,020	577,920	5,963,895
AA-	4,500,550	1,301,790	85,785	155,470	45,920	6,089,515
B-	144,410					144,410
BB-	29,264	95,629	43,477	288,406	35,000	491,776
C-	1,034,920	328,662	55,376	226,805		1,645,763
G-	152,232	5,789	287,329	4,636,476		5,081,826
H-	5,165,266	296,572	815[VA]	977,205	8,855	6,447,083
J-	12,457,771	6,364,078	789[VA]	4,261,963	894,810	23,977,833
L-	1,049,545					1,049,545
M-	15,225	28,595	40,635	253,995	3,710	342,160
N-	5,387,795	269,780	630[VA]	1,652,105	189,595	7,498,645
O-	3,225			148,036		151,261
P-	21,417					21,417
TOTAL - - - - - - - -	32,346,170	10,097,300	510,368	14,195,481	1,755,810	58,905,129

[VA] Adjustment - Deduct.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan.-July)	1954 (Jan.-July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (July)	1954 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	65,058,218	51,265,376	- 21.20	9,189,759	5,725,854	- 37.69
Boots and Shoes	1,536,904	1,413,117	- 8.05	162,029	126,106	- 22.17
Drugs	4,642,117	5,008,627	7.90	660.989	767,691	16.14
Dry Goods	7,037,530	6,229,031	- 11.49	660.939	518.425	- 21.56
Electrical Appliances and Radios	23,808,564	23,941,087	.56	2,156,132	2,057,923	- 4.55
Florists	190,129	224,604	18.13	21,266	34,812	63.70
Furniture	3,900,390	2,746,190	- 29.59	576,122	526,598	- 8.60
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	74,980,967	76,933,037	2.60	8,692,706	8,674,934	- .20
Hardware	35,393,323	30,837,156	- 12.87	5,279,242	4,356,584	- 17.48
Lumber and Building Supplies	26,391,864	25,920,980	- 1.78	4,325,721	5,240,049	21.14
Paints and Varnishes	5,351,759	5,272,656	- 1.48	792,604	709,222	- 10.52
Paper	5,664,415	5,416,298	- 4.38	654.113	631,645	- 3.43
Tobacco	10,708,095	11,079,154	3.46	1,702,679	1,747,628	2.64
Oilfield Supplies	6,464,793	7,866,058	21.68	701,742	1,240,292	76.74
Carbonated Beverages	11,086,715	10,184,759	- 8.14	2,138,419	1,954,553	- 8.60
Miscellaneous	31,065,265	30,611,354	- 1.46	3,192,726	2,934,376	- 8.09
TOTAL	313,281,048	294,949,484	- 5.85	40,907,188	37,246,692	- 8.95
BY LOCATIONS						
Calgary	121,896,432	102,648,488	- 15.79	16,404,084	12,855,968	- 21.63
Edmonton	66,932,808	65,556,941	- 2.06	9,984,744	10,455,455	4.71
Lethbridge	10,084,795	10,384,756	2.97	1,759,936	1,732,155	- 1.58
Medicine Hat	802,353	889,620	10.88	148,054	159,004	7.40
Smaller Centres	4,049,159	3,982,675	- 1.64	599,497	536,030	- 10.59
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	109,515,501	111,487,004	1.80	12,010,873	11,508,080	- 4.19
TOTAL	313,281,048	294,949,484	- 5.85	40,907,188	37,246,692	- 8.95

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan.-June) $ (a)	1954 (Jan.-June) $ (a)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (June) $ (a)	1954 (June) $ (a)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	460,929,000	432,331,000	- 6.20	84,519,000	78,805,000	- 6.76
Grocery and Combination Stores	56,785,000	59,304,000	4.44	9,950,000	10,580,000	6.33
Meat Stores	6,599,000	6,785,000	2.82	1,070,000	1,094,000	2.24
Country General Stores	28,262,000	28,290,000	.10	5,094,000	4,956,000	- 2.71
Department Stores	45,482,000	45,536,000	. 12	7,716,000	7,546,000	- 2.20
Variety Store	4,988,000	4,997,000	.18	952,000	971,000	2.00
Motor Vehicle Dealers	112,741,000	95,405,000	-15.38	22,362,000	18,806,000	-15.90
Garage and Filling Stations	26,956,000	27,098,000	.53	4,535,000	4,231,000	- 6.70
Men's Clothing Stores	7,079,000	6,700,000	- 5.35	1,223,000	1,174,000	- 4.01
Family Clothing Stores	5,386,000	4,935,000	- 8.37	1,021,000	951,000	- 6.86
Women's Clothing Stores	7,543,000	6,934,000	- 8.07	1,447,000	1,367,000	- 5.53
Shoe Stores	2,648,000	2,576,000	- 2.72	518,000	518,000	
Hardware Stores	12,365,000	11,154,000	- 9.79	2,492,000	2,157,000	-13.44
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	23,689,000	20,209,000	-14.69	5,530,000	4,598,000	-16.85
Furniture Store	5,286,000	4,602,000	-12.94	783,000	783,000	
Appliances and Radio Stores	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
Restaurants	18,298,000	15,701,000	-14.19	3,429,000	2,885,000	-15.86
Coal and Wood Dealers	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
Drug Stores	9,660,000	9,724,000	.66	1,569,000	1,598,000	1.85
Jewellery Stores	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
Tobacco Stores	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
All Other Trades	73,893,000	70,168,000	- 5.04	12,855,000	12,644,000	- 1.64

(a) Any slight difference between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not Available.

Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 6, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st July, 1954

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 7. July, 1954

Unemployment was reduced during June in all parts of the country by the increase in construction and other seasonal activities. But despite considerable increases in May and June, levels of unemployment remained higher than they were a year ago. This was particularly true in the more industrialized parts of the country because of the slower upturn this year in the manufacturing industry. This year to year increase in unemployment was generally less marked in smaller less industrialized areas.

Employment in the prairie region continued to rise in June, although the gain was not as great as in May. Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates for the week ending June 19 showed 865,000 persons employed fulltime in the region. This total was six thousand greater than a month earlier but still 15,000 to 18,000 less than the figures for the corresponding date in 1953. The level of unemployment showed some corresponding decline in June but remained higher than last year.

Although manufacturing activity showed some improvement during the month, most of the reduction in unemployment resulted from a gradual increase in outdoor activities. Rainy weather continued to delay construction and agriculture, particularly in the northern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Since the total construction for the region was larger than that of last year, this delay was expected to create a heavy demand for construction workers later in the season. In all but a few areas, however, the available labour supply appeared ample enough to meet both current and prospective requirements. Applications for skilled construction jobs were almost three times as numerous as last year.

The level of unemployment in Edmonton and Calgary showed little change. Construction, particularly residential building, increased steadily but the resulting demand did not absorb the large number of workers coming into these cities from other sections of the country. In the Alberta coal mining areas virtually all mines were operating part-time with reduced staffs.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of July, 1954, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At June 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	June 1 1953	June 1 1954	June 1 1953 $	June 1 1954 $	June 1 1954
Mining	110.3	104.1	73.42	74.27	16,155
Coal	59.3	47.3	58.30	53.80	3,819
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	186.1	177.5	78.72	79.91	10,960
Manufacturing	123.4	126.1	58.65	61.05	25,392
Food and Beverages	109.7	113.8	57.79	60.55	8,371
Meat Products	120.8	121.7	61.62	66.65	3,867
Wood Products	112.0	94.3	47.44	47.44	2,482
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	101.9	103.9	58.04	58.86	1,177
Iron and Steel Products	149.0	140.1	67.38	65.83	2,549
Transportation Equipment	162.6	136.7	60.25	61.86	4,043
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	108.3	140.4	55.14	54.82	2,209
Products of Petroleum and Coal	136.1	135.1	78.46	81.19	1,294
Construction	190.4	167.2	68.29	59.11	18,222
Buildings and Structures (k)	218.2	166.7	76.38	60.47	9,942
Highways, Bridges and Streets	165.6	167.8	56.53	57.47	8,280
Transportation, Storage, Communication	115.6	113.1	62.87	62.48	23,542
Steam Railways	107.3	99.6	66.08	65.80	13,327
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	131.7	137.2	61.16	62.49	3,506
Storage	111.6	113.1	50.49	53.25	2,642
Trade	124.1	125.9	50.18	51.81	25,037
Wholesale	126.6	127.9	53.31	55.51	9,000
Retail	122.9	124.8	48.39	49.73	16,037
Service	117.0	125.3	37.96	38.80	7,060
Hotels and Restaurants	110.8	119.9	37.22	38.03	4,836
Industrial Composite	127.7	124.6	59.83	59.18	124,870

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, June, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries at JUNE, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employee Reported
	June 1 1953	June 1 1954	June 1 1953	June 1 1954	June 1 1954
			$	$	
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	121.5	119.2	61.33	63.57	8,968
Foods and Beverages	110.8	113.3	60.77	63.66	2,843
Transportation Equipment	154.3	127.8	61.62	64.35	2,337
Construction	154.9	169.5	57.83	61.17	3,343
Wholesale Trade	120.0	122.3	54.07	56.12	3,808
Retail Trade	118.2	124.5	49.81	51.49	6,246
Industrial Composite	125.9	130.0	55.89	57.89	31,673
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	139.6	145.4	59.34	61.74	10,768
Foods and Beverages	124.3	125.8	58.16	61.88	3,814
Meat Products	125.5	126.2	60.30	65.27	2,584
Construction	223.7	152.4	82.13	58.10	5,923
Wholesale Trade	137.1	140.9	52.22	54.72	3,844
Retail Trade	126.0	126.5	48.46	49.73	7,027
Industrial Composite	147.6	141.3	60.21	55.68	35,623

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, June, 1954

Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At JUNE 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	June 1 1953	June 1 1954	June 1 1953	June 1 1954	June 1 1953	June 1 1954	June 1 1954
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	29.8	28.3	185.0	181.9	55.13	51.48	3,164
Oil and Natural Gas Production ---- - - -	45.3	40.8	165.3	173.8	74.88	70.91	3,740
Manufacturing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	40.5	39.9	140.7	146.3	56.98	58.37	17,677
Foods and Beverages - - - - - - -	40.2	39.8	136.5	144.6	54.87	57.55	5,621
Meat Products - - - - - - - - -	39.0	40.0	149.4	157.0	58.27	62.80	2,765
Transportation Equipment - - - - -	39.9	39.4	150.8	153.2	60.17	60.36	3,145
Buildings and Structures (h) - - - - - -	43.3	36.2	176.8	158.6	76.55	57.41	8,132
Electric and Motor Transportation (i) - -	40.8	38.7	143.1	147.1	58.38	56.93	2,024
Service (j) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	43.6	42.4	83.7	87.0	36.49	36.89	4,341

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, June 1, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxo-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, JULY 1, 1954, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949 = 100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	JULY 1 1954	JULY 1 1953	JULY 1 1954	JULY 1 1953	JULY 1 1954	JULY 1 1953
Newfoundland	134.0	154.7	195.2	239.5	54.70	58.12
Prince Edward Island	113.2	119.6	150.6	157.9	44.84	44.47
Nova Scotia	98.7	103.9	131.4	133.6	49.78	48.09
New Brunswick	98.2	100.4	130.1	129.2	50.12	48.66
Quebec	110.5	113.7	150.6	151.0	55.99	54.40
Ontario	112.2	115.7	155.0	156.2	61.16	59.77
Manitoba	105.6	109.3	140.6	142.4	56.64	55.49
Saskatchewan	122.6	119.7	165.6	159.9	55.96	55.36
Alberta	130.4	131.3	175.7	174.8	59.84	59.18
British Columbia	108.5	111.6	155.4	156.9	65.32	64.28
Canada - Composite Index	111.5	114.9	153.4	154.5		
Canada - Manufacturing	108.7	114.7	151.5	155.0	61.00	59.16
Canada - Composite Figure	-	-	-	-	58.86	57.57

Source: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.